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BEATIFICATION OF FATHER SOLANUS CASEY

## AFTER 30 YEARS, POPE'S ALTAR TO BE USED AGAIN

Mammoth wood structure was in storage after Silverdome mass



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The altar that more than 90,000 Catholics worshiped around when Pope John Paul II said mass in 1987 at the Pontiac Silverdome will be back in the spotlight Saturday.

The mammoth wooden altar and matching ambo, or pulpit, were hauled by tractor-trailer this week from Ann Arbor to metro Detroit ahead of this weekend's beatification of Father Solanus Casey.

Casey, a Capuchin friar, spent 20 years as the porter, or doorkeeper, of St. Bonaventure in Detroit. He is the second American-born male to be beatified by the Catholic Church, the final step before sainthood.

The altar pieces had been kept for years in a warehouse at the Domino's Farms office park. Catholic philanthropist and businessman Tom Monaghan, who owns Domino's Farms, underwrote the cost of creating the furnishings for the Silverdome mass



ABOVE: The altar has been in storage at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. Tom Monaghan had the altar and an ambo made for the papal mass at the Pontiac Silverdome and kept it in use for a while afterward before it went into storage.

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TOP: Pope John Paul II waves good-bye to 90,000 people who packed the Silverdome for the papal mass on Sept. 21, 1987. MANNY CRISOSTOMO/DFP

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## Holiday shopping fight heats up: Stores vs. Amazon



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Let the holiday showdown begin.  
Scuffles in years past centered on Black Friday fights as stressed-out consumers rushed the aisles to try to snag big-screen TVs. This year, big brand retailers — such as Walmart, Target and Kohl's — will be duking it

out against e-commerce powerhouse Amazon.

Online sales continue to grow — with some analysts anticipating that almost half of online sales this holiday season will be made on Amazon.com.

For the first time ever, more surveyed shoppers expect to spend more of their holiday budget online instead of in stores, according to a survey by Deloitte. Last year, the survey found consumers expected to spend evenly between stores and online — 47%.

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## Tax bill: Good or bad for Mich.?

Republicans say it will boost jobs; Democrats say it won't help middle class families

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. House passed a sweeping tax reform measure Thursday that would simplify income tax brackets, reduce corporate taxes and make many other changes as well.

The measure passed 227-205 on what was a largely a party-line vote, with all Democrats opposed to the Republican-led bill. Thirteen Republicans voted against the legislation.



Rep. Sander Levin

All of Michigan's nine Republican members voted for the legislation; the state's five Democrats voted against.

With Congress ready to leave the nation's capital for Thanksgiving break, the House bill now goes to the Senate, where Republican leaders are looking at a tax measure that is similar but includes some significant differences to be worked out.

A vote on the Senate proposal is not expected until December.

Just before the House vote was called Thursday afternoon on what could be the biggest set of tax changes for American businesses and individuals in more than three decades, House Speaker Paul Ryan said the motivation for the legislation was simple: to put more money in the pockets of taxpayers.

"We say keep your money," he said. "It's your money. Do what you want with it."

But Democrats argued that for all the Republican claims that most Americans will see a tax break under the bill, the largest gains still go to the wealthiest taxpayers and that millions of citizens will see their taxes go up, not down, because of the changes affecting numerous deductions that are currently allowed.

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The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the tax reform measure could increase the nation's deficit by \$1.7 trillion over a decade — though Republicans have argued that undersells the true level of growth in wages and employment it will spark.

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